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My dear Wendell:

I had not a moment's time to write you a line before the closing of the mail yesterday, but got Frank to do so, concerning my reply to Phillips about the Jackson legacy. I hope you ~~too~~ (and my friend Johnson too) have been able to find time to give it a careful perusal to-day; for I wish to have no longer delay as to its publication in the Standard — that is, if I am to be graciously allowed to be heard where my co-Trustee, Mr. May, was shamefully refused a hearing about the same matter. I have read my reply to Mr. Sewall, Mr. May, and Mr. Yerrinton, and they deem it a crushing rejoinder. Whether it is now in your hands or not, if it is to be printed I desire you carefully to re-peruse it before it is put in type, and make any verbal changes that you may deem desirable, especially where epithets are

P.S. Thanks for the Northern Monthly. The spirit and object of Snodgrass's eulogium upon Lundy are truly contemptible, proceeding from no respect to his memory.

used; for I wish to avoid the appearance of any undue feeling; yet I wish to have no softening of my summing up at the conclusion, as the untruths there referred to in P's articles must be denied in the most emphatic manner. Ask Aaron to let you read the proof before going to press, and see if anything needs to be modified as a matter of taste and dignity. It has cost me considerable labor, for I have written it with almost invincible reluctance; and have never had such uncertainty of mind before in regard to any matter as to what duty and self-respect require of me. Even now, should you and Oliver, and Mr. McKim if he is at home, come to the conclusion that it is best to suppress it, in spite of the cruel aspersions and malignant stabs contained in Purvis's letter and Phillips's articles, and notwithstanding that such minds as those of Mr. and Mrs. Child have been grossly misled by them, I shall deem your concurrent judgments to be of great weight, and feel willing to have the publication *deferred for further consideration*. Of course, if published, my reply will lead to very extended comments publicly and privately, and make the breach between P. and myself a permanent one, beyond all doubt. Yet not wider than he has chosen to make it. I owe much to the memory of Francis Jackson, whose confidence I am basely accused of betraying; something to the memory of John A. Andrew, so wantonly assailed and grossly misrepresented; something to the Court and the Master in Chancery; and still more, perhaps, to Mr. May and Mr. Quincy, alike implicated and condemned. Why, then, should I not be heard? On what ground is the accuser to be allowed to deal in such calumnies with impunity? The very relation in which he has stood to me and the Anti-Slavery cause seems to make a reply all the more imperative. If he were a notorious pro-slavery enemy, the case would be wholly different.

☞ I enclose Fanny's letter. Send it back as soon as convenient.

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Remember, I give you carte blanche as to any verbal changes. Strong epithets are sometimes called for; but, as a rule, the fewer the better. I have tried to remember this in writing my reply, and perhaps you will find little or nothing to desire otherwise, seeing that Mr. Sewall, Mr. May and Winchell have had no changes to suggest touching the phraseology. Still, look sharp, and decide exactly as you think will be for the best, and strike out, modify, or substitute ad lib.

Even you, I think, will be surprised to see, by the analysis I have made, what a net-work of fallacies and misrepresentations Phillips has woven.

We have just received a long letter from Fanny, dated at Rome, Feb. 17th. All is going well with her and Harry. They were soon going to Naples. You shall have the letter in a day or two.

Your mother was gratified to receive a line from you, and sends you a mother's as I do a father's love, and also affectionate remembrances to Lucy and her parents, and a benediction for Lloyd. W. L. G.